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TAGS: EAID, SA, GB

SUBJ: ONE VISIT (AND CONVERSION) WORTH FIVE MILLION  
DOLLARS

1. SAUDI PRESS REPORTS FEB 9 THAT GABON HAS BEEN OFFERED FIVE MILLION DOLLARS BY THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT AS AID FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. ITEM ALSO MENTIONS RECENT VISIT OF PRESIDENT OMAR BONGO TO PERFORM THE HAJJ DURING WHICH HE CONDUCTED TALKS WITH KING FAISAL ON QUOTE MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AFRICA AND TO THE WORLD IN GENERAL. UNQUOTE.

2. THE ITEM IS UNUSUAL IN THAT SAG RARELY REPORTS ON DIRECT GRANTS AND IN PARTICULAR NEVER HAS WISHED TO CONNECT THESE GRANTS OR LOANS WITH THE VISITS OF CHIEFS OF STATE OR OTHERS. FACT PRESIDENT BONGO IS EXTREMELY RECENT CONVERT TO ISLAM (AND IN FACT HAD SEVERAL CHRISTIANS IN HIS DELEGATION WHO HAD TO BE TOLD THAT THEY COULD NOT VISIT MECCA) APPEARS TO BE ONLY REASON FOR ANNOUNCING THE AID IN THIS MANNER. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTER OMAR SAQQAF TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD BEEN SLIGHTLY AMUSED AND NOT ENTIRELY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONVINCED CONCERNING CONVERSION OF HIS NEW NAMESAKE.

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